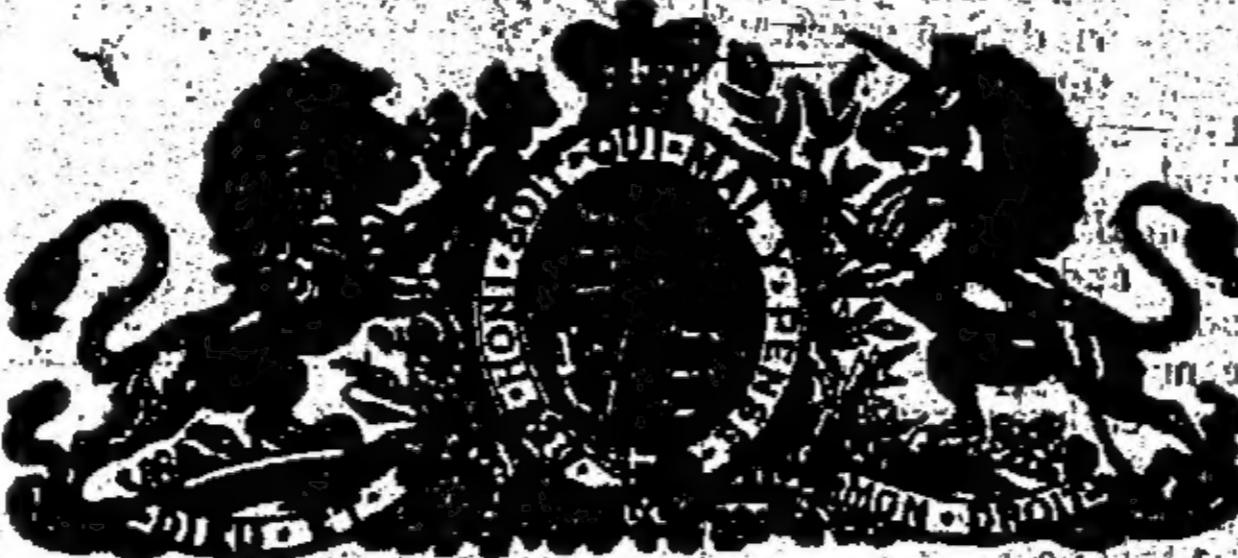


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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND,.....650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMUS, Esq.  
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Bank

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
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and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$200,000.  
RESERVE FUND,.....\$110,000.

BANKERS.  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE CITY BANK.  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONG-  
KONG grants Drafts on London and  
the Chief Commercial places in Europe and  
the East; buys and receives for collection  
Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds  
of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest  
allowed on Current Accounts and on De-  
posits for fixed periods on terms which may  
be ascertained on application.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES, 1878.

THE HONGKONG DERBY.—Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the day of closing Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies bond for Griffin and date of Entry (1st February, 1878). First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 7 lbs. One-mile-and-a-half. (Nominations close on THURSDAY, the 27th December, 1877, addressed to the Clerk of the Course at the Club).

By Order,  
DENIS O'REAGH,  
Capt. 28th Regt.,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong, October 11, 1877. oc26

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT has returned, and will be  
ready to receive Patients on MONDAY,  
the 24th instant, until further notice, at his  
Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE' UNIVERS,  
Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.  
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

## Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO.,  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
AND  
JEWELLERS.  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

## NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & CO.,  
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,  
Queen's Road East,  
HONGKONG.  
September 16, 1877.

IN THE GOODS OF  
JAMES SMITH FERRIES,  
Decased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all Creditors, and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S.S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned, WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.  
Wm. H. BRERETON,  
Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN.  
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NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANG-TSZE INSUR-  
ANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, 8th October, 1877.

IN PURSUANCE of a Resolution passed at the GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIA-  
TION held on the 5th July, 1877, a Return of Capital of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TAELS per SHARE will be made at the Office of the Secretaries on the 15th Instant, to Shareholders of record the 10th Instant.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-  
signed to Shareholders, or their lawful Re-  
presentatives on presentation of Share  
Certificates.

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Secr. &c.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

SHANGHAI, 8th October, 1877.

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Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th  
Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR  
1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-  
pany are requested to furnish the  
Under-signed with a List of their Contribu-  
tions for the year ending 31st December last,  
in order that the distribution of Twenty per  
cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for  
Contributions may be arranged. Returns  
not rendered prior to the 31st October next,  
will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or  
alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of  
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present  
Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st

August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to  
be sent in on or before the 31st March,

1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG  
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply  
any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSHCHILD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877. sp1

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGER B.—begs to inform his

Patients, and the Public that he intends

to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in

September and October, leaving HONG-

KONG about the 15th of September.

Hongkong, September 8, 1877.

## Intimations.

CONDENSED EGGS.

THIS NEW ARTICLE, recently placed  
upon the Market, consists simply of  
fresh-laid HENS' EGGS, from which most  
of the water has been evaporated, and being  
hermetically sealed, remains perfectly sound.

The EGGS thus condensed are obtained  
in the Empire of China, and canned in the  
immediate vicinity in which they are pro-  
duced, thereby avoiding the deterioration  
to which EGGS are subjected when trans-  
ported in the shell. So that, in point of  
fact, the CONDENSED EGGS preserved  
under the patent of A. R. DAVIS, furnish  
to the consumer, EGGS possessing more  
perfectly the properties of fresh-laid EGGS  
than those ordinarily supplied to any city.

The CONDENSED EGGS will beat up  
into light froth as readily as EGGS taken  
immediately from the shell, and are equally  
valuable in making Cakes, Custards, Creams,  
Pastry, Puddings, Egg-Nog, &c., &c.

## ECONOMY.

For Hotels, and Restaurants, or for  
Families, or Vessels at sea, this Article is  
invaluable, as there is no loss from breakage  
or decay, and a tin will keep for any length  
of time after opening, being sealed only for  
transportation.

One Table-spoonful is equal to one Egg.  
Add equal amount of water (warm is pre-  
ferred); dissolve it well; then use same as  
any Egg.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.,  
Agents for Hongkong.

MUSTARD & CO.

General Agents at Shanghai.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany-Road, lately  
occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD.

" Biame Villa," Pok-toe-lun, Furnished.  
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace,  
Nos. 9 & 11, Queen's Road Central,  
with spacious Godown attached, at present  
occupied by Messrs BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, October 18, 1877.

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OFFICE OF THE CHINA FIRE INSUR-  
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SHANGHAI, 8th October, 1877.

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By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr F. RAPP in our Firm CEASED from This Day.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.  
Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

## NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

## NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREIG, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm for Procuration at Foochow, and Mr F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.  
China, June 1, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SWATOW.

## The Steamship

## "MADAGASCAR."

The Taux Master, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1877.

## FOR SALE.

## SHAM BEN CANTON.

THE Desirable PROPERTY known as Lot No. 46, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILK GODOWN.

For particulars, apply to G. M. SMITH, Canton.

October 15, 1877.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ABERLADY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CATERPILLAR, American ship, Captain W. Lull.—Slemson & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain Nielsen.—Wm. Puttan & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wieder & Co.

COXINIA, British barque, Capt. Robertson.—Wieder & Co.

CILUENTOR, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wieder & Co.

MELUSINE, German barque, Captain Th. Pfleiderer.—Melchers & Co.

DARTMOUTH, British barque, Captain Robertson.—Order.

FEARNTOWER, British steamer, Capt. J. H. von Bargen.—Chinese.

LUCIA, British barque, Captain Crowley.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PERVIAN, British ship, Captain Berry.—Meyer & Co.

DALIS, British steamer, Captain James Thompson.—Yuen Fat Hong.

DANUBUS, British steamer, Capt. Clanchy.—Yuen Fat Hong.

NORTHERN STAR, British barque, Capt. J. Worley.—Wieder & Co.

Trio, Dutch barque, Capt. T. Westerveld.—Slemson & Co.

COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

Total, 82 Packages.

Hongkong, October 8, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

Owing to the indisposition of Mr LING Look there will be no Performance this Evening.

To-morrow Evening,  
October 16th, 1877.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF  
His Excellency  
JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., &c., &c.,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

THE FAMOUS ROYAL  
ILLUSIONISTS,  
From ENGLAND'S HOME OF MYSTERY,  
The EGYPTIAN HALL, LONDON, where their unparalleled Entertainments were presented nightly to crowded audiences for over two years.

In their unique and STARTLING  
WONDERS.

Their profoundly

MYSTERIOUS SEANCES

have been given in the presence of the Crowned heads and Nobility of Europe and before vast and intelligent Assemblages throughout the civilized world, astonishing and confounding the wisest of all Countries.

POSITIVELY LAST APPEARANCE  
OF  
THE ROYAL ILLUSIONISTS,  
On which occasion Mr KELLAR will give a  
FULL and COMPLETE EXPOSÉ  
of the

WONDERFUL SPIRIT CABINET,  
showing the  
MYSTERIOUS AGENCIES  
at work while the doors of the structure  
are open.

ADMISSION: \$1.00  
To all Parts of the House.

Seats can now be secured at Messrs LACE, CHAWARD & CO., 2, where Plan of the Hall can be seen.

Doors Open at 8.30, Commence at 9 o'clock sharp.  
Chairs may be ordered for 11.15 p.m.

Hongkong, October 15, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE MELBREK,  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1877.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Oct. 14, Canton, German barque, 373, Crants, Newchwang Oct. 4, Beans.—SIEMENS & Co.

Oct. 14, Green Von Grimsferry, Dutch barque, J. E. Van Jon, Bangkok Sept. 11, Rice and Wood.—CHINESE.

Oct. 14, City of Peking, American steamer, 5075, Tanner, San Francisco Sept. 12, and Yokohama Oct. 7, 6 bags Mails, 274 pcks. Treasure (581,922.19), and 2,612 tons General Cargo.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Oct. 14, Madagascar, German steamer, from Whampoa.

Oct. 14, Howkong, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

Oct. 14, St. Joseph, French barque, 239, Dumont, Newchwang Oct. 4, Beans.—CARLOWIN & Co.

Oct. 15, Colorado, American ship, 1075, Ingraham, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Aug. 26, Coal.—RUSSELL & Co.

Oct. 15, Conquest, British steamer, 317, Jardine, Shanghai Oct. 11, General.—HARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Oct. 15, Yang-tse, French steamer, 2422, Rapate, Shanghai Oct. 12, 4 p.m., Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Oct. 15, Melbrik, British barque, from London June 4, General.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Oct. 15, Fuyue, Chinese steamer, 920 A.C., Faud, Shanghai Oct. 12, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Oct. 15, E. Von Beaufort, German barque, 336, W. Schneider, Newchwang Oct. 4, Beans.—EDWARD SCHELLHEIS & Co.

Oct. 15, Undine, British barque, 796, E. Faulkner, Yokohama Oct. 2, Rice.—REMEDIOS & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 18, Yangtze, for Canton.

14, Amoy, for Manila.

14, Bellona, for Saigon.

15, Peruvian, for Moumein.

15, Golden Horn, for Haiphong.

15, Howkong, for Shanghai.

## Cleared.

Lucia, for Manila.

Large, for Foochow.

Norma, for Swatow.

India, for Whampoa.

Jubilee, for San Francisco.

Roderick Hay, for Haiphong.

Java, for Singapore.

## PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

Per City of Peking, from San Francisco.

Mr and Mrs Norton, Mr Feng Pak, Rev.

Mr Borgatz, Mr MacPherson, and 639 Chinese.

Per Yang-tse, from Shanghai; for Hongkong, Messrs. W. Dutton, A. Wood, Robert, Thos. W. Knox, W. H. Thompson, Ch. Zimmerman, the Tartar General, and 16 Chinese; for Marseilles, Mrs Schutte and child, Mme Georges Malteau, Goodfellow, Gerard, and L. B. Ring.

Per Tuyue, from Shanghai, Mr Markwick, and 120 Chinese.

Per Undine, from Yokohama, Mr C. Edale.

Per Green Von Grimsferry, from Bang-

kok, 2 Chinese.

Per Conquest, from Shanghai, 1 Euro.

To Depart.

Per Houson, for Shanghai, Lieut.

Carter, and 48 Chinese.

Per Bellona, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

Per Amoy, for Manila, 60 Chinese.

Per Norma, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.

Per Java, for Singapore, 206 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque CANTON reports

Had fresh northerly winds and fine weather

to the Suddies, when had strong N.N.W. gale, which lasted 24 hours, remanides of

passage had moderate northerly winds and the weather.

The Dutch barque Green Von Grimsferry reports: First part of passage had light

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

## 香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, NURSERY REQUISITES,

TOILET REQUIREMENTS, ENGLISH,

AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT

MEDICINES

MANUFACTURERS

OF

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,

Gingerade, Potash Water, Sarsaparilla

Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and

continuous European Supervision,

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.10 p.m.

BIRTH.

At Niugpo, on the 4th October, the Wife

of E. WADMAN, of a Daughter

DEATH.

At Macao, on the 14th October, CARLOTTA,

the beloved Wife of Firmino Antonio da

ROZA, Chief Justice of Dili, Timor.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCT. 15, 1877.

DURING the eighteen or nineteen months elapsing between the murder of Mr Margary, and the settlement of the difficulties arising out of the outrage by the signing of the Convention at Chefoo, vague and, in some instances, most alarming rumours were in constant circulation as to the state of the relations between the two countries. Sometimes warlike rumours prevailed, and at other time peaceful ones, but both increased in intensity when Mr Wade left Peking, and ultimately met Li Hung Chang at Chefoo. The lengthy memorandum just published by Sir Thomas Wade contains a full record of the whole of these negotiations, and explains the motives in financing the acts of the British Minister. One noteworthy remark in the document is that referring to the desire exhibited by the Chinese Ministers to hurry off the Envoy to England in the early period of the negotiations. "I could only insist," says Sir Thomas Wade, "that the Envoy, whom they suddenly appeared an extraordinary desire to hurry off, must not be for the present sent on their way. With a mission in England and of certain lesser amounts to the Chinese accompanying him, who were murdered with him." (2) Payment of the expenses occasioned, in particular to the Government of India, by the occurrences of February, 1875. In these he contemplated including the expenditure called for by Colonial Browne's mission; and of certain lesser amounts to the Chinese accompanying him, who were murdered with him. (3) Payment of the expenses occasioned, in particular to the Government of India, by the occurrences of February, 1875. In these he contemplated including the expenditure called for by Colonial Browne's mission; and of certain lesser amounts to the Chinese accompanying him, who were

**BREACH OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE.**  
Mr. Frank Bowdler, boarding at the Hongkong Hotel, again appeared to answer the charge of having excavated a trench without the permission of the Surveyor-General.

The following additional evidence was called. Mr. Watta, an engineer of works attached to the Surveyor-General's Department, stated that on the 4th instant, Mr. Bowdler wrote to the Surveyor Department to ask permission to open a drain in Ladder Street. The complainant received the letter on the evening of the 4th from Mr. Bowdler, the Assistant Surveyor-General, but as there was no number given of the house in the letter of the complainant could not trace the house out. On the 5th he told Mr. Bowdler that he could not find the locality. He saw, however, the contractor who was engaged to do the work, and he was to meet Mr. Watta at 7.30 a.m. on the 6th for the purpose of shewing him the work to see whether permission could be given for its execution. There was no contractor to be found at the time and place appointed, and instead thereof Mr. Watta found a large trench cut in the road. A report was then made to the Surveyor General, who directed a summons to be taken out. As the place was dangerous to the public.—The defendant stated that he gave instructions to his contractor to repair the drain, and on the 4th he gave him a letter to the Surveyor General to have the permission. On the 7th he learnt from the rent collector that the work had not been commenced, that the contractor had been unable to meet the Inspector and to get the permission. On the 8th the defendant went to the place and found the drain open with a slight fence around it. After breakfast the contractor came again, and defendant wrote another letter to the Surveyor Department for permission to carry on the work. He did not know that he was committing a breach of the Ordinance, and when he saw Mr. Bowdler afterwards, that gentleman told him that it was not all right, and that a summons had been taken out against him.—Fined \$10, and to pay \$2.90 for expenses.

**LARCENY.**

Young Akan, boatman, was charged by Mr. Fisher, an assistant in the firm of Messrs. Lamont, Atkinson & Co., with stealing a tin of truffles, valued \$2. The defendant had been in the employ for about five months, and he was watched in consequence of many articles having been stolen. The defendant was employed in putting some tins of preserved meats on a shelf and he managed to abstract the tin of truffles. The defendant admitted that he took the tin, he did not know what was inside, but he thought it was something good. The defendant was sent to three months' hard labour, and ordered to pay a fine of \$20, in default three months' further imprisonment with hard labour.

**TEOULESOME PORTERS.**

Yip Aye and two others, coolies, were charged with swarming into a boat at Podder's Wharf in which there was a gentleman, with intent to carry off his luggage for him. There was such a rush that there was danger of the boat being capsized. Fined 50 cents each.

**A FRACAS.**

Chin Apoo and three others, boatmen, were brought up for fighting at the Fraya. The 2nd and 3rd defendants were both hurt. Fined \$5 each, and to give security each in \$5 to be of good behaviour for three months.

**DRUNKENNESS.**

Carol Thompson, seaman Russian ship *Jato*, was charged with being troublesome in a house of ill-fame when drunk, but as he was harmless, he was discharged.

Christian Lawson, seaman American ship *Great Admiral*, was fined 50 cents for being drunk in the street.

John Wilson and Martin Bow, seamen belonging to the same ship, were fined \$1 each for a similar offence, aggravated by fighting and assault.

**A BLISSFUL MARRIAGE.**

Li Ahoi, a hawker, and Chung Anzi, a married woman, husband and wife, were charged with fighting. The 1st defendant stated that they had been married a month. He took some of his wife's clothes to pawn in order to get money to pay for a hawker's license.—The wife, however, gave a different story: she said her newly married husband had got a sweetheart, and was going to transport his love and her clothes to this woman. An uncle of the 1st defendant and an aunt of the 2nd appeared in Court and proposed to bring this family quarrel to an amicable settlement, and the Magistrate considerably allowed it to be so arranged.

**A CURIOUS CASE.**

Chin Tai On and three others, coolies, were charged with making an attack on a house at Tai Kok Tsui, British Kowloon. From the complainant's story it appeared that last night about 7 or 8 o'clock, he closed the house for the night; when 20 or 30 men made an attack on it. They were all armed with bamboo sticks. The complainant was struck on the head with a bamboo, but the object was not to rob, and he did not know why they made the attack. —P. O. No. 61, Meyer, stated that from information received, he went to the house. He found the 1st prisoner lying in a pool of blood, and the complainant was rolled up in a blanket, lying quietly about four feet from where the 1st prisoner was. The furniture and other things in the house were smashed up or otherwise in a state of topsy-turvyness. Remanded till the 17th inst.

**China.****SHANGHAI.****(Continued.)**

A few days ago we reported, on undoubted authority, the designs of Ting Futil, with reference to the Woosung Railway. He had arranged for its purchase; he had obtained the Imperial sanction; and it was his intention to remove it to Formosa. His illness, and consequent leave of absence have delayed any further business connected with the scheme; and we are now led to believe that better counsels have prevailed with the Viceroy at Nanking. It may be premature as yet to say that the little railway will not be removed; but there are grounds for hope; and we should not now be surprised to find that the fiercest opposition will cease; and that he will not allow Ting to get ahead of him as a program.

Mr. Moller has been appointed Secretary of the Shanghai Weaving Company, and is a member of the committee. The Chinese

will soon be commenced, as steps are to be taken towards purchasing land and the erection of suitable buildings.

Pheasant shooting season has now fairly set in. Over a dozen boats, most of which started up the northern river (Soochow Creek) on Saturday, but one or two the day before, returned this morning with good bags. Sportsmen will be glad to hear that peasants are reported to be in great abundance, but the birds shot are generally very young still. We saw rabbits too that had been shot by one party—but not larger than a two months' old kitten.

A new industry has been started in our midst, but one, which, much as we desire to see Shanghai thrive, we hardly welcome with our wonted cheerfulness. A cartridge-filling manufactory seems hardly a desirable neighbour, under any circumstances, but particularly when it is in the hands of people who thoughtlessly smoke and carry their lighted paper in the careless manner of the Chinese. Such a business is, however, now carried on in one of the principal thoroughfares of the French Concession, with materials supplied by a Foreign Hong. How the materials were passed through the Custom House, and by whom, is a question for our "City fathers." At all events, having now drawn attention to the subject, as a duty, we feel secure in leaving the matter in the hands of the local authorities.

**(News.)**

The report of the North-China Insurance Company to 30th June last shows a total amount at the credit of the Company, after bringing forward Tls. 404,190 from the present working account of Tls. 1,469,622, out of which dividends have been paid of Tls. 200,000 on the shares and Tls. 205,429 on contributory premia, and Tls. 195,210 placed in Reserve; leaving a balance of Tls. 857,983 irrespective of the paid-up capital.—Further dividends have since been paid, in pursuance of a resolution passed at an extraordinary meeting held on the 9th July, of Tls. 70 per share, 8 per cent to contributors for 1875 and 4 per cent to contributors for 1876, representing in the aggregate Tls. 147,819; the Reserve Fund being also raised to Tls. 257,900.

The P. & O. str. *Nizam* was expected yesterday, but had not arrived up to a late hour last evening (Oct. 11th) and has no doubt been delayed by the gale. It is noteworthy that this voyage is usually a long one for the mail steamers indicating a greater regularity in the periodical changes of weather than we are often inclined to credit.—To go back to 1870

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having been obliged to put into Amoy by bad weather!

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*The Gelong*..... 12th Oct. 1875.... 17th Oct. ....

The *Kliva*; last year made the run in three days, but the steamers on either side of her were each over four days.—The *Nizam* had been out four days up to noon yesterday.

**Japan.**

The San Francisco *Advertiser* states that the City of *Peking*, for Hongkong, refused four hundred tons of freight, her carrying capacity being already filled. She is 6,000 ton vessel.

The British barque *Maitland*, which we mentioned the other day as about to leave for Bolivia, has thrown up her charter, and will now proceed to Kobe to load with rice for Europe.

The U. S. S. *Tennessee*, has come up to her anchorage in the harbour. Admiral Patterson, U. S. N. in command of the U. S. Squadron in these waters, and several officers, have arrived by the *City of Peking*.

Five commissioners have been sent from Peking to Korea. It is not announced whether they go in pursuance of the custom of regular visitation or with a special view to examination of the forthcoming arrangements to be effected between the Japanese envoy and the Korean government. Mr. Hanusawa, on the part of Japan, is already on his way to the capital of the adjacent kingdom. We are informed that the choice of the two ports to be opened has not been definitely settled. The northern ones may be abandoned for another locality. The southern is not likely to be changed.

It is stated in the *Hoshi Shinbun* that a new ship of war is about to be built in the Yokosuka dock-yard, under the superintendence of Mr. Ueda Torakichi, marine engineer of the second class. The design for this vessel have been supplied by Admiral Akamatsu, one of the most accomplished officers in the service, whose early studies of his profession were pursued in Holland, in companionship with Admiral Xenomoto.

The construction of the machinery will be undertaken by Messrs. Kobayashi and Watanabe, engineer and mechanician. No foreign assistance, it is understood, will be required in this enterprise.

A foreign gentleman, now in the South, writes from Nagasaki, under the date of the 27th ultimo, as follows:

I was on shore yesterday (26th September) seeing the ruins of Nagasaki, and went up the hill where Saigo and his followers had come to meet their deaths. They had caves cut in the rocks to hide themselves from the storming party of the imperialists. I was inside some of them, and in Saigo's cave I picked up a small cup and saucer, from which I presume the arch-rebel must have drunk many times. He was shot in three places and they cut his head off at the entrance to the cave. His blood was still red and wet when I saw it. Not far off from where I stood were some other caves, where Saigo's officers had been quartered. I saw the body of one of them lying outside on its back, with the belly cut open and the bowels protruding, he having committed *seppuku*. The general appearance of everything was horrible though I saw no dead bodies except the one mentioned. I saw the graves of Saigo, Kirino, Boppo, Murata and several more of the rebel Generals, who were buried side by side. Some of the ships are going away to-night with troops for Korea.

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**CHINA.**  
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**(Continued.)**

The P. M. & S. *City of Peking*, Captain Tanner, with file from San Francisco to the 15th September, arrived yesterday forenoon.

**WAR NEWS.**

*Plevna*, August 28.—A telegram from Bucharest says that Ms. Bragado and the

Chief of the Roumanian Staff have returned from the Czar's headquarters. The negotiations respecting the conclusion of a military convention fall to the ground. Grand Duke Nicholas declared that independent action of the Roumanian army was not permissible. Meanwhile the Russians have incorporated the Roumanian division with their own troops. It is still believed that some compromise will be effected.

A correspondent writes, describing the effects of the war in Russia, as follows:—The peasants are being called off to join the Imperial Army. From all directions, wherever one goes, families are mourning because either father or brother are under orders to start, within, perchance, only a few hours. Families are broken up on all sides, and wives are selling household furniture. The streets of Moscow are thronged in many places with household goods. The price of provisions is rising proportionately. Among the upper classes, matters are in the same state of change. Those who have retired from the army or navy are in many cases being recalled. All will, it is presumed, be summoned in the course of time. Whilst I write, a general call is being made for all to serve in the militia, and notices to this effect have been served on all those residing in one of the six divisions of Moscow. House to house visitation is also going on relative to the number of men-servants and horses kept by every householder, a large quota of which must now be paraded for the public service. Substitutes for the former are not accepted. Funds are rolling in for the sick and wounded on all sides, peasants even urging the acceptance of their mites.

*London*, August 26.—A blue book is published containing Colonel Wellesley's report. He says that although he has not personally visited the alleged scenes of atrocities, he has, from examining reliable English and other witnesses of the operations, arrived at a firm and honest conviction that the accusations against the Russians of cruelties are entirely unfounded.

The war, however, is one in which little quarter is given on either side.

*London*, Aug. 28.—The Russian newspaper *Vedomosti*, after an elaborate review of the sums already expended on the war, draws the conclusion that if it was last till next Autumn, it will cost not less than \$32,000,000 roubles, of which \$22,000,000 have already been expended. To cover this sum, there is a reserve of \$50,000,000 paper money, of which there is already \$77,000,000 roubles in circulation.

*London*, Sept. 3.—An Athens despatch states that the Duke of Edinburgh arrived there yesterday, on the iron-clad *Sultan*, and visited the King and Queen. The British Government, fearing that he would seek to countenance the war party, telegraphed that he must leave immediately. He left the same evening.

The story of the destruction of Eski-Saghs by the Turks is detailed by correspondents. All the Bulgarian males seem to have been killed. Two American marines, Messrs. Bond and Marsh, barely escaped with their lives and the clothes they had on.

Three British correspondents have been removed from Shumla, by the Turkish Commandant.

*London*, September 5.—A telegram from Turkish says: The Russians are confining themselves to a defensive attitude. The Russian centre is bringing up artillery from Alexandropol to defend their camp at Baldival, in the event of attack by Muhammed Pasha, while on the left General Terukassoff is fortifying his positions near Iglyr to command the roads leading to the plain of Edirne.

*London*, September 5.—Korean official accounts of fighting at Kadikol, near Rustchuk, say:—On Tuesday Turkish forces from Rustchuk and Rasgrad captured Kadikol and occupied it for a time, but were subsequently driven out, with great loss by seven battalions of infantry and eight bands of Cossacks, with 22 guns. Russian loss, 30 killed and 150 wounded.

*London*, September 5.—An official despatch from Prince Merikinsky says Lozitsa has been taken, after twelve hours' fighting, despite its natural strength, its strong fortifications and the stubborn resistance of the Turks. Skaboloff was the hero of the day. His loss is not yet exactly ascertained. General Kaspridinjeff was wounded.

*Bucharest*, September 5.—The battle at Lozitsa was commanded by the Turks, who, disengaged by the great increase of the Russians before the town, attacked them fiercely. The Russians repulsed nine successive Turkish assaults, and finally drove the Turks back into the town, which they entered with them. The struggle continued in the streets until the Turks were driven out from the other side of the town in great disorder. They retreated, followed by General Skaboloff's cavalry brigade, which had, by its gallantry, largely contributed to the Russian success.

The slaughter was great, especially among the Turks.

*London*, September 5.—A Vienna despatch says that the Russians have abandoned the upper Lone line, and have withdrawn their right wing on that side, which was at Papska, to a line where they can keep in contact with the forces guarding the road from Osman Bazar. Mehemet Ali has thus gained an undoubted strategic success by his victory at Karson.

All depends on how he will use it.

It seems quite certain if the Turks do not beat the Russians within the next week or ten days their opportunity will have passed. At the end of that time the Russians will have received their reinforcements, and will be ready. If ever, to crush out their opponents. If the Russians do not very soon secure the defeat of the Turks there are excellent reasons for believing that they never will.

The financial condition of Russia alone almost precludes the idea of another year's campaign.

The autumnal rains have begun. Strong dissatisfaction is displayed in the Russian army at the incapacity of the Russian Staff, especially of General Sevilkov, who is acting as Chief. The discontent is greatly augmented by Prince Charlie, a foreigner without military experience, being appointed to the command of the active army before Plevna.

*London*, September 8.—Accounts of the fighting at Lozitsa, sent from Bucharest by some correspondent, turns out to be pure fiction. The Russian success is not of such proportions as first represented. Lozitsa is an open town in the valley important chiefly as covering the roads to Trojan and Solvi. The use of the Russians will be able to make of the position must depend on their driving back the Turks on the northwest of Lozitsa. The capture of Lozitsa would be regarded

as part of an important system of operations than an independent achievement. Perhaps the Russians are trying to finish with Osman Pasha before it becomes indispensable to meet Mehemet Ali Pasha's advance. It seems, beyond doubt, that the Czarowitch and his army have been greatly weakened, and that, after several important successes, Mehemet Ali now threatens the lines of communication with Tirnova, while Ahmed Beyub Pasha, operating from Rustchuk, threatens not only the new bridge at Pyrgos, but even the Slatova crossing. Every preparation is making, and every nerve is strained, to bring complete destruction to the Turkish army at Plevna.

*London*, Sept. 6.—The Turkish Ambassador at Vienna has delivered a note reminding the Powers that Turkey, at the conclusion of the late Servian war, neglected the opportunity of rendering Servia harmless, at their request, stating that in case Servia should again take up arms, Turkey would not consider herself bound hereafter to trust to its own resources to extricate himself. The operations of Mehemet Ali and Suleiman are probably too far off to be of use to him.

*Paris*, Sept. 8.—A despatch dated Plevna, Friday before Plevna.

The *Postes et Telegraphes* states positively that the Powers have arrived at an understanding that their neutrality shall remain unaltered notwithstanding the military alliance between Servia and Russia.

A Russian detachment is marching in great haste toward Sofia, which is wholly unprotected. The movement will stop Turkish reinforcements, while Roumanians block the road to Widin.

*London*, September 9.—A correspondent, writing on Thursday, explains the positions of the contending armies at Plevna as follows: Grivica stands to the toe of the horseshoe formed by the Turkish positions around Plevna. Opposite to it stands the Russian fifth division, which will fall in after artillery preparation. The line is prolonged on the left flank by five divisions, extending as far as Bogot. Opposite the horseshoe is the Russo-Roumanian centre. The Russians have the ground to the left, which is occupied by Prince Iohannovsky, from the village of Sloboda, in the previous battle of Plevna.

It has been ascertained that simultaneously with the Kavarna massacre, Circassians committed atrocities in eleven villages of Eastern Bulgaria. In the village of Suljuk, inhabited by Greeks, 150 houses were burned and 300 inhabitants massacred. One hundred corpses of women have been discovered at Samala. A letter says these facts are verified by the Consuls.

*London*, Sept. 10.—The *Daily News* correspondent, under date of Saturday noon, says:—We broke up camp at Banitsa, at sunrise, this morning, and marched direct to Biela, in hopes of being able to reach Girovo by Biela, the Rustchuk road and Plevna ferry. I rode along the line of fortifications down the Valley of Banitsa Lom to Busova. I found the town deserted, except by a few Cossacks, who reported that the Turks had taken the

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